



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

615 Chestnut Street

Suite 1250

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476

(215) 861-8200

December 1, 2009

NEWS RELEASE

Michael Lassiter was charged today by Indictment¹ on charges that he committed bank robberies of PNC Bank, 801 Christian Street, Philadelphia, on January 5, 2009, and Beneficial Bank, 5301 Chew Avenue, Philadelphia, and United Savings Bank, 1943 E. Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, on January 14, 2009, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Michael Lassiter	Philadelphia	27

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 60 years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, a \$700,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

The case was investigated by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Philadelphia Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Arlene Fisk and Thomas Zaleski.

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA
Suite 1250, 615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

**Contact: PATTY HARTMAN
Media Contact
215-861-8525**

COPIES OF NEWS MEMOS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/pae>

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.